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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2005 AND PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

**TITLE:** APPARATUS FOR POSITIONING A TONG AND DRILLING RIG  
PROVIDED WITH SUCH AN APPARATUS  
**U.S. SERIAL NO.:** 10/044,639  
**CUSTOMER NO.:** 36735  
**FILING DATE:** January 10, 2002  
**INVENTOR:** Tor Jan Akerlund  
**EXAMINER:** Jennifer H. Gay  
**GROUP ART UNIT:** 3672  
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